

Clifton Council Meeting

10/24/14

Attendance: Pastor Manoj Jacob, Rev. Kathaleen Sato, Dr. Robert Beebe, Mrs. Misayo Bien, Mrs. Kyoko Andersson, Mr. Alain Tamelessio, Mrs. Masako Feddema, Mr. Zeth Bell, and Mrs. Tamayo Oppenhiemer (Delayed)

- The meeting was called to order at 8:08 pm
- The opening prayer was given by Rev. Sato
- The CIG Motto was read

Agenda:

- Minutes from the Council Meeting on 9/12/14 and 10/9/14 were read by Zeth Bell.

Old Business:

A. Financial Meeting

- Pastor Manoj proposed the benefit of having a financial committee. He spoke about the status and purpose that prior financial committee(s) served, and he based the proposition of a new financial committee around the following urgent needs: to manage the church budget and to establish future budget projections for improving financial growth, to create/maintain church projects/ministries, to research government/alternative funding, to ensure responsible spending of church finances, and to plan for adequate acquisition of funds for existing church activities.
- It was noted that a financial committee would better involve the community in spending decisions and keep the community better informed of the church's financial situation. It was noted that building and financial committee's would be separate entities and serve different roles subservient to the Clifton council.
- A draft charter was discussed as being that the role of the financial committee would be to create plans for managing/creating church projects/ministries, for researching government/alternative funding, for ensuring responsible spending of church finances, and for ensuring adequate acquisition of funds for existing church activities while Council would make final decisions on the financial committee's proposed plan. Discussion of detailed financial report as well as the possible creation of a financial committee was placed on the agenda for the next Council meeting.

B. Camp Sunrise Report

- Meadow, Debbie, Noah, Brian, Phillipa, and Roger prepared a Camp Sunrise financial report for the NJ Council meeting. It was noted that income increase while HSA support decreased. Questions arose that will be posed to Brian Sabourin before a final decision will be made on financial support. (See report more details).

C. National Council Report

- Mr. Tamelessio gave a report on the national council. He commented on the heart and contribution of the members nationwide who sacrificed much that only wanted to improve the church. Mr. Tamelessio commented on the providential and spiritual experience of visiting the holy ground in Washington DC. The National Council is working to create a financial committee that meets regularly, has legitimate authority, and

manages funds efficiently. He noted that many amazing grants were submitted, but very few qualified for the specific guidelines. He asks us to pray for our fellow communities that are struggling. Mr. Tamelessio spoke about the possible creation of effective subcommittees to prevent inefficient micromanaging by the National Council. He noted that it is wise to create a youth council in the National Council and have trained elders handle conflict resolution in church communities to prevent escalated and difficult disputes. (See Mr. Tamelessio for more details)

D. Church Ministry Staff

- Pastor Manoj gave a report on the responsibilities of Rev. Pobanz who had inherited the responsibilities of two previous members. Pastor Manoj mentioned that Rev. Pobanz has many responsibilities that all need to be done well or the community will suffer. These responsibilities include blessing preparation, blessed family life education, private individual/family counseling, and Seung Hwa Ceremonies. Pastor Manoj discussed with Council about the importance of creating explicit job descriptions and instilling the unity of church staff with the fulfillment of those specific job descriptions thereby ensuring the fulfillment of church's real mission.

E. Announcements

- True Mother's Sunday Service 10/25/14 at 9 pm
- Brunch with tribal messiah at East Garden in November (age 18-40)
- English One – Day DP Workshop 10/25/14
- Holy Blessing on March 3, 2015
- HAS is looking for a 2nd gen to be vice president; Requirements Speaks Korean & can communicate with True Mother
- Next Council Meetings in November will be 11/14 & 11/28.

New Business:

- A. Decision for Clifton contribution to cover Camp Sunrise Expenses
- B. Detailed report on financial situation
- C. Council Plan for unexpected events
- D. Church Ministry Staff

The meeting was closed in prayer by Mr. Tamelessio at 10:45 pm.

Secretary,

-Zeth Bell